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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. CRAIG).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 15, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANGIE CRAIG to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Blessed are we who trust in the Lord. But O God, trust is so hard for us to master. We trust that You have called us here—but do we? For if we did, we would be as content as a tree planted by water. And yet, we find that when the heat comes—the heat of our moments, the heat of our anger—inwardly we find ourselves thirsty for respite, fearful for ourselves and our survival.

May we, in these moments, lean not on our own understanding—our own perceptions of progress, purpose, and success—but may we submit ourselves, our whole being over to You that You would make straight the paths we should take.

Lift up our eyes that we would see and take the opportunity to appreciate those who travel with us on this path called life. May we trust You enough to trust them—even when they seem geared up for a different journey, with different challenges. Nonetheless, You, in Your providence, have directed that our paths be joined.

Help us to trust that our fellow so-journers are companions You have pro-

vided to cajole and comfort, to spar with and support along the way, but always partners in service to You.

Grant that we would find ways to trust and love each other, that together we will unite our resources until You bring us, when our work is done, together in Your loving embrace.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Nevada (Mrs. LEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. LEE of Nevada led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Kaitlyn Roberts, one of his secretaries.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

The gentleman will put his mask back on.

HONORING SHAWN FRIEDKIN

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Shawn Friedkin, a passionate advocate for people with disabilities, whose life was cut short after a courageous battle with cancer. John Friedkin was my friend, and we were kindred spirits.

At the age of 27, Shawn was in a car accident that left him paralyzed. Instead of allowing that experience to defeat him, he used it to help others overcome their own obstacles and reach their full potential.

In 1997, he founded Stand Among Friends, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with spinal cord injuries, and more broadly, improving employment outcomes so that people with disabilities can live "life without limits." That was Shawn's philosophy, "a life without limits," and he applied it to everything he did.

Whether providing assistance through Stand Among Friends, establishing a disability resource center at Florida Atlantic University, or advocating for legislation in Congress, Shawn demonstrated his unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, I was proud to call Shawn a friend. Although his life was cut far too short, his legacy will live on through his work and his loving family.

BRIGADE 2506

(Ms. SALAZAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion; specifically, to honor the men of Assault Brigade 2506.

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